

## ABSTRACT

Under a platen having many holes formed therein, disposed are plural suction fans corresponding to respective papers conveyed in parallel. A partitioning member  
5 is arranged between the suction fans and the platen to form air passages each corresponding to each of the papers. When printing is performed on only a part of the plural papers that may be conveyed in parallel, the plural suction fans are controlled such that only the suction fan corresponding to the paper to be printed, among the plural suction fans, may suck air, and the other suction fans not corresponding to the paper  
10 may not suck air.